

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are pending in the present application. In the above amendments, claims 1, 7-10, 13, 19, 20-25, 30-35 and 39-44 have been amended. Therefore, after entry of the above amendments, claims 1- 44 will be pending in this application. Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance, which prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 20 and 39 were objected to because of informalities. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the appropriate actions and has amended the claims appropriately.

35 U.S.C. 102 Rejection

Claims 1-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,032,051 by Hall et al. ("Hall"). The rejection asserts that Hall allegedly teaches each element of the claims. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Applicants believe that amendments to the independent claims have overcome the previous rejections.

The support for these claim amendments are found in at least Figures 4A, 4B and 5, as well as paragraphs [0029], [0030], [0032] – [0034] and [0036-0038] in the Applicants' specification.

Applicants' amended claims are generally directed for detecting or announcing presence and/or location information in a wireless communication network. The information is deemed reliable even when a target group member device is turned off, since, in one embodiment, the Global Communication Server (GCS) provides the status based upon, after sending an alert, not

receiving an ack from the target group member device. In other words, it is the GCS determining the status of a non-responsive handset, not the handset. As discussed below, Hall does not teach or suggest the feature where a status is not received from the handset.

Hall discloses wireless mobile communications devices which automatically transmit, therebetween, information regarding the status of the devices. Although Hall does disclose the use of a Home location register (HLR) database to maintain information about mobile communication units, Col. 4 lines 57-66, it does not disclose, teach or suggest “registering at the GCS that no response was received from the target.” Therefore, Hall does not teach all the elements of the newly amended claims.

Dependent Claims

Claims 2-6, 8-12, 14-18, 20-24, 26-29, 31-34, 36-39 and 41-44 depend directly or ultimately from, and include all the subject matter of, claims 1, 7, 13, 19, 25, 30, 35 and 40, and should be allowed for at least the same reasons presented above regarding the independent claims as well as the additionally recited features found in the claims. Because independent claims 1, 7, 13, 19, 25, 30, 35 and 40 are believed to be allowable, Applicant has not argued or otherwise relied on independent patentability of dependent claims, but reserves the right to do so in this or any subsequent proceeding.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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